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FOR ARA/CEN/PAN

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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON U.S./PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 151816

1. PRESS COMMENT ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S  
MEASURE TO DENY FUNDS FOR PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS  
WAS LIMITED TO ONE EDITORIAL IN "EXCELSIOR" ON JUNE 30  
AND ONE IN "LA NACION" ON JULY 2.

2. THE "EXCELSIOR" EDITORIAL CRITICIZED THE HOUSE  
ACTION AS A REVERSION TO THE "BIG STICK"" ERA AND AS  
A THREAT TO INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT SECRIBED  
THE ACTION AS "SUICIDAL" FOR THE U.S. BECAUSE "THE  
GUNS OF THE U.S. WILL LITTLE SERVE IF THE U.S. DOES  
NOT HAVE THE AFFECTION AND RESPECT OF OTHER NATIONS."  
THE EDITORIAL HOWEVER PRAISED PRESIDENT FORD AND  
SECRETARY KISSINGER AND STATED "WE ARE SURE THE  
NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS  
NEED NOT MONEY BUT GOOD WILL AND THEY (FORD AND  
KISSINGER) HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY  
HAVE GOOD WILL."

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3. "LA NACION'S" EDITORIAL WAS MILDLY CRITICAL  
DESCRIBING U.S. SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL AS AN  
ANACHRONISM THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED BECAUSE THERE  
SHOULD BE NO VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM IN THE  
WESTERN HEMISPHERE. IT CRITICIZED THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES' ATTITUDE AND CALLED FOR A  
CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND  
PANAMA.  
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